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INFO FOR NEA/PAB

1. BDG HAS CONFISCATED SEPTEMBER 16 AND 23 ISSUES OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE WEEKLY HOLIDAY FOR CONTAINING SEDITIONOUS MATERIAL. A PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF CURRENT ATTACK ON HOLIDAY EDITOR ENEYETULLAH KHAN WAS SEPTEMBER 16 ARTICLE ALLEGING THAT "THIS WEEK'S NEWSWEEK HAS AN INTERESTING REPORT ABOUT SWISS BANK ACCOUNTS OF SOME OF OUR ANGELIC POLITICOS". ENEYETULLAH HAS SINCE PUBLISHED APOLOGY FOR NOT VERIFYING SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION. BUT RUMORS ARE CIRCULATING THAT ALTHOUGH NEWSWEEK APPARENTLY DID NOT CARRY SUCH A REPORT A SUNDAY EDITION OF THE NEW YORK TIMES OR A BRITISH PAPER DID.

2. NEWSWEEK AND OTHER LIKELY SOURCES ARE CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE HERE. GIVEN POLITICAL FUROR CASUED BY INCIDENT AND NUMEROUS QUERIS RECEIVED THROUGHOUT MISSION, EMBASSY AND USIS REQUEST THAT WASHINGTON AND LONDON REVIEW RECENT ISSUES OF APPROPRIATE PUBLICATIONS FOR ANY REPORT ON SECRET BANK ACCOUNTS OF BANGLADESH POLITICIANS.
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